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SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE

REF: TEHRAN 7730 (NOTAL)

YOU SHOULD GET WORD TO THE SHAH THAT WE APPRECIATE THE
INTEREST HE CONTINUES TO SHOW IN THE JORDANIAN AIR DEFENSE
PROBLEM. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT, FORTUNATELY, DEVELOPMENTS
THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE KING HUSSEIN'S RETURN FROM THE
SOVIET UNION ON JUNE 28 HAVE BROUGHT US TO THE VERGE OF

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WORKING OUT SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE

SAUDIS THAT WOULD ALLOW THE SALE OF U.S. AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT TO JORDAN TO GO FORWARD. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT THE SAUDIS HAVE LATELY AGREED TO FUND THE ENTIRE DOLS 540 MILLION ESTIMATED COST OF THE HAWK/VULCAN PROGRAM OUTLINED STATE 177834, PROVIDING A SATISFACTORY PAYMENT SCHEDULE CAN BE WORKED OUT. WE ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SAG REGARDING THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE. WE HOPE TO SEE THIS ISSUE RESOLVED SHORTLY IN A MANNER THAT WOULD MAKE IT UNNECESSARY TO USE U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FUNDS TO HELP FINANCE JORDAN'S AIR DEFENSE PROGRAM AND PRESERVE THOSE FUNDS FOR OTHER JORDANIAN REQUIREMENTS. FINALLY, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT WE ARE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF HIS MAJESTY'S HELPFUL ROLE, IN HIS CONTACTS WITH SAUDIS

AND JORDANIANS, IN CONTRIBUTING TO WHAT WE NOW THINK WILL BE A SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM. KISSINGER

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